

# The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

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## INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES AND THE U.S. ECONOMY

## ECA FAST FACTS

**\$20 billion**

International students contributed nearly \$20 billion to the U.S. economy in FY2009

**351**

ECA alumni are **current or former heads of foreign governments**

**46**

ECA alumni are **members of the 112th U.S. Congress**

**6**

ECA alumni are **current or former ambassadors to the United Nations**

**51**

ECA alumni are **Nobel Prize winners**

**5**

ECA alumni are **current heads of international organizations**

**78**

ECA alumni are **Pulitzer Prize winners**



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